VERDON News comes of age

Newbold Verdon Community Association Newspaper Issue 21

Ed's Spot

With the Boulogne Trip a thing of the past, we now look forward to Verdon about to bloom again, and with sketch plans in the pipe-line, perhaps we can look forward to some action on the Community Centre.soon.

Ed.



N.V.C.A. TRIP TO BOULOGNE

Forty-eight people boarded the coach in Newbold Verdon at 4.30 on Saturday morning, 26th January. A subdued atmosphere prevailed - the earlier than normal start was having an effect - until we arrived at South Mimms Service Station on the M25 for break-fast. From there the mood changed, as we had our regular 'give away', and by the time we reached Dover at 8.30, everyone was wide awake.

After a pleasant crossing on one of the Sealink's new ferries-"The Fiesta", we arrived in Calais and drove down to the Auchun Hyper-market just outside Boulogne. This is one of the biggest in Europe, and sells a collosal range of goods, although most of the Newbold crowd were to be found around the wine shelves.
Although the drinks were re-latively cheap inside the hypermarket, the bars outside were less so: Malc Barker having to take out a second mortgage to pay for two beers and two white wines.

Paul, our 'regular driver' then drove us to the Hotel Ibis, a pleasant hotel in a good position in Boulogne, on the banks of the river. After a quick wash and brush up, many of us had a walk around Boulogne, before returning for forty winks and change for dinner. An enjoyable night was had in a typical French restaurant, with Sue showing some surprising talents, then on to the Wilmots' for a party.



We had breakfast, (although some required room-service), and a free morning in Boul-ogne, before driving to Montreuil for lunch and then on to Le Touquet.

On the return trip to Calais, we stopped off at Cap Gris Nez, the nearest part of France to England, to have a group photograph taken.
It was obvious that everyone was eager to have their photo-graph taken, the way they clambered back into the coach as the camera shutter clicked! (David Bailey doesn't seem to have this trouble).

A calm sea crossing back to Dover and a largely uneventful journey home, marred only by a suspicious looking person whisking Sue away at the Services.

A good-value week-end, calm seas, duty frees and good company - can't be bad!

Deadline: 5th April

On the Verdon Beat

Winter is upon us again, which has brought its usual spate of minor road accidents. Which leads me on to my subject matter this month.

Why is it, some motorists seem to have a "death wish" and might as well be driving blindfolded?

If you don't think this happens, then during your next early morning trip into work after a frosty night, just take notice of the number of "idiots" (and that's what they are!) driving whilst peering through a small hole in a frost covered windscreen. They usually have their remaining windows completely frosted-up. How in the world can they see to drive properly? They can't, especially if there is the added hazards of of the sun low in the sky shining directly towards them, plus spray from the frosty roads and frozen windscreen washers. It all adds up to a recipe for disaster.

But it still can be seen on the roads every frosty morning. Isn't it worth an extra couple of minutes to wait until you've either physically cleared the windscreen and windows, or waited until the car's heater has cleared the frost before driving away?

What a danger such an ignorant and unthinking minority create on our already dangerous and overcrowded roads.

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"WHAT A NIGHT - THE BEST IN YEARS"

The visit of the Zenith Hot Stompers to the Working Mens Club on Friday 1 February has firmly placed Newbold Verdon on the traditional jazz map as a major national venue.

This opening jazz night saw the club packed to the seams with visitors from as far as Birmingham, Coventry, Nottingham including one from London. What was really heartening was the support from the village, especially the younger generation who really enjoyed the music.

The band caught the atmosphere and gave a storming performance, living up to their name "the Stompers" bringing demands for an early return.

A monthly programme of jazz bands of the class and quality of the "Zenith" is slowly coming together. This is based on the first Friday of the month, and on March 1st the club will be hosting the mationally popular YORKSHIRE POST JAZZ BAND led by extrovert cornet star DENNIS ARMSTRONG, a band in great demand at jazz festivals for their exuberant and driving style. This is a band that musicians pay to listen to.

On Friday 5 April JIM SHELLEY'S FRISCO BAND based in Walsall will be our guests led by MONTY SUNSHINES international trumpet star GORDON WHITWORTH.

This is an eight piece band with a unique style.

This event is in support of "Verdon in Bloom", so please make a note in your diary to come and have a good time, helping the finances of "Verdon in Bloom".

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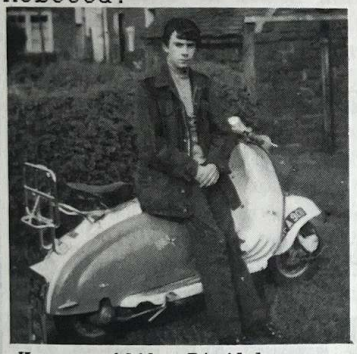
Barbara Howarth

Happy 40th Barbara
Love from Vicky & Peter



JAMES

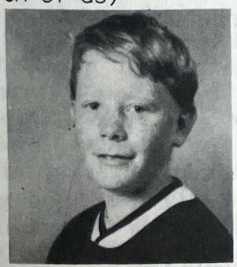
What a 'WIZ'! or you think you are! Hope you had a great 40th on 10th February.
Love from Jan, Tim and Rebecca.



Happy 40th Birthday on 24 February. Love from Lynne, Dale and Glen xxxxx

Terry Satchwell

A great 40th Satch!
Thanks a bunch!!
Love from your friends
(Both of us)

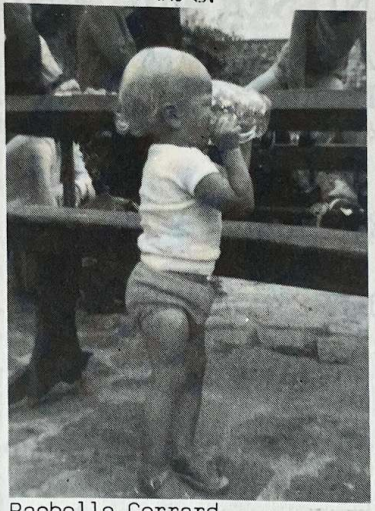


Happy Birthday Stephen Horsley 13 years old on 12 February. Love from Mum, Dad and Lynne.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!

Most people had dummies at your age! Happy 18th Chris from all at C.J's.



Rachelle Gerrard

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Mum, Dad, Richard & Ruth

" HAPPY BIRTHDAY "

Ruth Louise Chappell

"Happy 10th Birthday"

Love- Mum, Dad & Brynn XXX

MARCH 12TH.

There's something special about this date too. Be warned and stay at home... there are three boys (that we know of anyway) who will be celebrating on this day.
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Daniel Hill will be 9, and Adam Harris will be six.
Happy birthday to you all.

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W.I. GOES EAST

Newbold Verdon W.I meeting was brightened on a cold evening in January by a colourful display of oriental crafts presented by their maker, Mrs Evelyn Hawkes, who dressed the part in a traditional full length Korean silk gown, called a Hanbok. Mrs Hawkes of Broughton Astley lived for about 5 years in South Korea and spent her time learning traditional Japanese and Korean crafts. She showed the members gourd of various shapes and sizes which had been hollowed out. On the shells she had learned to etch pictures and colour them using only natural materials. This art is called Pagaji. When the gourds were placed on wall hangings and hung with knotted silk tassels the effects were stunning.

The highlight of the demonstration was a collection of beautifully decorated silk balls, made by wrapping a silk thread round some wadding until a perfect sphere is produced. The balls were then divided into sections and embroidered very delicately in traditional patterns. This ancient craft is called Temari.

Members showed their own skills in the competition by being creative with Christmas leftovers (not turkey or pud!!) Mrs Jenny Webster won with a puppet theatre.

Members will enjoy a friendly skittles match for their February meeting.

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N.V.C.A.
Forthcoming Events...
MUSIC HALL 1991

Yes here it is ! The event of the millenium.By popular request - well Connie keeps ringing me!- we have decided to go for it.This is your chance to tread the boards, bring out the microphone, dust off your tap shoes and embarrass your friends and relations in a big way!

NOVEMBER may seem a long way off but it will soon be here, so if you would like to take part in any way at all (we need lots of help as well) then contact Clive Hill 823332 or Janet James 823123 as soon as possible.

KEEP WATCHING THIS SPACE!!!!

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On 21st January, 2nd Newbold Verdon Guides hosted an informative and eye-opening talk from Mrs Andre Sinclair wife of an army doctor currently serving in the Gulf.
Without giving away any military secrets,Mrs Sinclair described conditions in an army field hospital, where the patients receive treatment inside tents pitched under the protection of army hangars.
The medical staff live in cramped conditions and suffer from boredom and the sand.
Although there haven't yet been any combat injuries, they have to treat over 100 patients for normal medical problems, such as appendicitis.
We should like to extend our grateful thanks to the local Co-op for their generous donation of a large quantity of fruit juices, which are in very short supply in the Gulf.
These drinks are included in a parcel,made up of letters written by the Guides, books, pictures, crisps and sweets which has been sent to the hospital.
We intend to send another similar parcel to include such items as toiletries, washing powder, pegs,pens and any other item that may come in useful.
Any donations will be gratefully received by: Barbara Bell 132 Main Street.

BLUE PETER BRING AND BUY FOR ROMANIA

On Saturday 15th December the 1st Newbold Verdon Guide Company held a bring and buy sale at the Scout Hut. Many thanks to all those who came and supported this worthwhile cause and to all those who donated items to sell. Special thanks to the Scout movement who let us have the Scout Hut free of charge. A total of £237.00 was raised.



The Brownie Concert

On 3rd December last year, we attended the 2nd Newbold Verdon Brownie's Concert. They had been rehearsing after their meetings for several weeks before, and their hard work was rewarded by a very good performance.
Every Brownie took part in either sketches, readings, songs, and jokes. There were ballet dancers, musical solos and duets, all compared by 'Scrawney Owl', for whom it is hard to find words to describe.
There was a reading by the two pack leaders, Brown & Barn Owl, alias Milton & Keynes, this kept us in stitches with the sketch of the 'Green Eye of the Little Yellow God'.
After all this we were all invited to a sing - along with Max on the piano.
The Brownies raised £101.30 towards a Guide Dog for the Blind, which now makes a total of £350.00 towards their project. Well done!!

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Kaye, wife of David Hill and daughter of local businessman John Finney and wife Pauline, of Verdon Saw Mills, gave birth to triplets - two girls and a boy on 15th October, 1990.
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THe wood will be treated for insect and fungal infestation and the paint will be repaired or retouched. This very skilled work will take about 55 hours.

Confirmation this year will be in Leicester Cathedral on 22nd June. If you are thinking about being Confirmed please get in touch with the Rector without delay as preparation is about to begin. (Tel 822528)

NOT SUCH A NON EVENT.

Like Mr. Boshier I was delighted to see a full church on Remembrance Sunday andthe young people are to be complimented on their excellent behaviour. It was a great joy to bless them at the Communion rail. Unfortunately, the arrival of nearly 300 people, with less then ten minutes to go meant that we started a little late and therefore were late at the War Memorial.

I preached a short sermon as I did not want to lengthen the service or weary the many very young children there. The story of St.Martin, who was a soldier, was surely applicable to the day.

St.James' Church, encouraged by the Council of Churches, revived the War Memorial Service which had died out in our parish. Many Church people were very upset that their service was referred to as a non-event. Seven banners were brought up to the altar, 75 people received Communion, about 200 people were blessed at the altar rail, and we sang every verse of "O Valiant hearts."

Not such a non-event after all.

The Rector.

PETER PAN PLAYGROUP

On Monday 3 December we hired a coach to take all the children on a trip to Childrens' World to see Santa in his castle which had elves all round.The children all told Santa what they would like for Christmas and he agreed to visit Newbold Verdon on Christmas Eve if they were all good. So after receiving a present each and a drink we returned home after an enjoyable morning.

On Friday 14 December we held our Christmas party to which Willy Wobble, the entertainer, came and performed some magic tricks and stories in which he got the children involved. This was followed by tea and then a visit from Santa with a present for all the children. A good time was had by all and they all went home tired but happy.

If anyone would like their child to join our playgroup we have vacancies for now and after Easter. You are very welcome to call and see us or ring Sandra on Desford 824705.

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St Gregory's Catholic Church

The plight of the homeless was very much in our thoughts over the Christmas period following the opening, by the Leicester Diocese, of a temporary hostel on London Road Leicester. Twenty eight people from St Greg's, over one third of our congregation, volunteered to help staff the hostel, just part of an army of almost 500 people who offered their services. The shelter was home initially to 60-70 residents but this number had to be cut back eventually to 40 to keep within Health and Safety regulations. The youngest resident was a lad aged 15, the oldest a 90 year old man.

The New Walk Shelter had to close in December for major refurbishment but should reopen in the Spring just about the time when the temporary Shelter has to close. Until recently my image of Night Shelter residents was one of tramps, wino's, drug addicts, etc. Recently an old man who had lived in the same crown cottage in Twycross for almost 70 years, was faced with eviction. He found an alternative to a cardboard box. There was a well in his garden. He climbed into this, pulled the lid closed and ended his life. On a lighter note we have just held a very successful Pirate Night with about 120 people enjoying making fools of themselves. Unfortunately I couldn't attend. I had hired a swashbuckling pirate outfit but then on the Saturday morning my back 'went'. By the evening I could hardly move let alone walk the plank! I don't know which brought more tears to my eyes, the back pain or £16 wasted on the outfit!

TENTATIVE DATE for the RC led service at St. James 6.00 Sunday 21st April 1991.

Paul French.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL.

Recently the children were treated to a play performed by a travelling theatre group, entitled The Golden Dragon. Here are some examples of writing by children from the Open Area. These children are aged from 4 to 6.

I liked the part where the bird popped up and the bird pecked at the stick.

Annika Wilmot.

We saw a show, the princess was beautiful and she married the man and they lived happily ever after.

Jacquelyn.

We saw a show and there was a princess in it and she married a boy.

Joanna Hill.

The princess got married to the prince. She went to hold his hand.

Eleanor Halford.

I thought it was funny when the Emperor came along with his armoured hat and the boxing gloves and his sword.

Jamie Horton.

I went to a show and in it was a princess and the princess married the boy, the end.

Eddie.

I liked the dragon. He was nice and colourful.

Matthew.

I really really liked the dragon and really liked the story.

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VERDON PLAYERS.

At present we are in the middle of rehearsing our next production - mentioned above, - so as regards social events we haven't had time to enjoy ourselves lately. We are having another "Night at the Races" on Saturday March 2nd, 7.30pm, Miners' Welfare, if anyone wants to come, 50p for a programme to get in and then it's up to you!

If anyone would like to join the Drama Group we would be pleased to welcome you, but may we remind you that we are an adult group... (well age wise that is!!) and are not in a position to enrol anyone under 14, as we are not able to offer material suitable for anyone under that age. We would hate to dampen a young persons enthusiasm for Drama by subjecting them to adults fumbling and mumbling words and actions over and over again.

We look forward to seeing you at our next public performance at Easter.

R.Jordan (Chairwoman)

VERDON PLAYERS
Forthcoming Events.

A Comedy of Errors - Our next production!!! So you thought Neighbours was bad; wait until you see the Farndale Avenue Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of "Macbeth"!!! A production original in the extreme, and if the thought of Shakespeare puts you off, this is potentially one of the funniest plays we have ever done. If you ever wondered what really happens on and off the stage come along to the school at 7.30pm. from Thursday 4th April to Saturday 6th April.Look out for posters or contact group members for details.

Cafe Rene On Tour.

Our fame spreads!! Following our "Return to Cafe Rene"in November last year we were approached !!??by Barlestone Cubs and Scouts Association as to the possibility of a repeat performance. So on the 27th April Cafe Rene travels all of 2 miles to Barlestone School and Community Centre, we go to any lengths for a free drink, even two miles!!!

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Dear Ed,
Many thanks for your latest edition of Verdon Views, full of local interest.
A nice topical front cover too! But should n't the fairy have been on top of the tree?
Good luck to "the team" for 1991.

Newbold Verdonian

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PARISH NEWS.

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County Quiz.

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Alan's Way Playing Field.

The Playwall.

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Extension to Pavilion.

Moore and Gibson who have been awarded the contract for building the extension, stated that work would begin in February and completed very quickly- watch this space.

Parish Council meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, at 7.30 at the Alan's Way playing field Pavilion.

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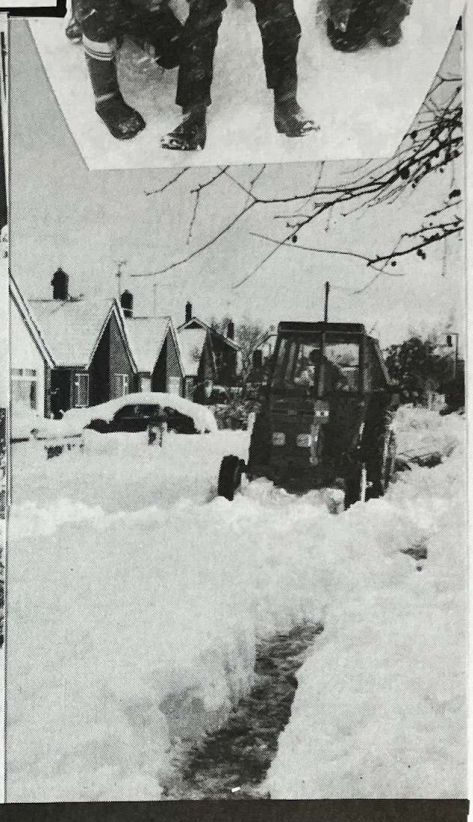
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Sat.	2nd "	7.30 p.m.	Verdon Players' "Night at the Races" - Miners' Institute
Sun.	3rd "	6.00 p.m.	United Lent Service:Baptist Ch.
Sun.	10th "	3.00 p.m.	St. James' Mothering Sunday Serv.
Mon.	11th "	7.45 p.m.	Lent Course: Baptist Church Hall
"	" "	7.30 p.m.	W.I. - Photography/Gardens
Thu.	14th "	8.00 p.m.	R.C. House Mass-6 Hornbeam Road Everybody welcome
Sat.	16th "	10.00 a.m.	Guides Spring Bazaar:Scout Hut
Sun.	17th "	6.00 p.m.	United Lent Service:St. James Ch.
Sun.	24th "	10.30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Parish Eucharist: St. James' Church
Mon.	25th "	7.45 p.m.	Lent Course-St. James Church Hall
Thu.	28th "	7.45 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Parish Eucharist: St. James'
Fri.	29th "	8.00 p.m.	Good Friday Service:Baptist Ch.
Sun.	31st "	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist: St. James'

APRIL

Thu)	4th Apr.	7.30 p.m.	- - - - Production of Macbeth
Fri)	5th "		(Verdon Players)
Sat)	6th "		
Fri.	5th "		Jim Shelley's Frisco Band:WM Club (In Support of Verdon In Bloom)
Mon.	8th "	7.30 p.m.	W.I. - Flower Arranging
Sat.	13th "	8.00 p.m.	N.V.C.A. Quiz at the School **********
Sun.	21st "	6.00 p.m.	R.C. United Service:St. James'
Sat.	27th "	8.00 p.m.	"Return to Cafe Rene" Barlestone Community Centre (Tickets:£5 from Malc King or Verdon Players)

N.B.***N.V.C.A. MEETINGS HELD ON WEDNESDAY - 6th March
AND " -10th April ****

These meetings are "OPEN MEETINGS".Everyone welcome

N.V. CRICKET CLUB

Net practice for the under-13's starts on 3rd MARCH, 12 noon until 1 p.m. and for the Under 15's & 18's on 14th FEBRUARY: 4.30 until 6 p.m. at BOSWORTH COLLEGE, DESFORD. Anyone wishing to join the Club, just turn up or contact*

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ROGER WATSON: Under 15's on Desford 823990.
RICHARD TUDGE: Under 13's on (0530) 62984

N.V.CRICKET CLUB.

Our ANNUAL AUCTION was held on Sat.19th.January, with a good selection of LOTS, of toys, games, furniture, bicycles, jigsaws,and even a wind surf board,sail and all!

Like last year,we had many viewers in the morning and a good attendance for the sale.The bidding was brisk but, all the LOTS were good value, with many bargains.

With all the LOTS sold,it was a chaotic time with the buyers paying for their bargains and then loading them into their transport,but like last year we managed it somehow.

After the money was counted and the bills paid,the CRICKET CLUB benefited by **£633.71.** This is a magnificent sum,**WELL DONE** to everyone.Thank you if you bought a raffle ticket, a bargain or gave us the LOTS to sell.

My grateful thanks are extended to my Committee and helpers for all the time and effort,which made this one of our most successful fund raising events.THANK YOU.

Grahame Law.
Chairman.

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WANTED .... WANTED ....

Players to form a senior team to play on a Sunday afternoon on a friendly basis for 1991, with a view to joining South Leics League in 1992.

At present we have a possible 12 games which will be played home and away.

INTERESTED PLAYERS CONTACT ROGER WATSON DESFORD 823990.